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Filing Date	10/23/2003
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Art Unit	2165
Examiner Name	Neveen Abel-Jalil
Attorney Docket Number	D/A2327

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☒ Other Amendment Submitted July 13, 2005
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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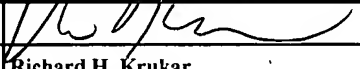
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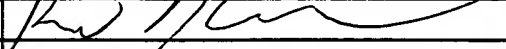
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Application No. : 10/693,163                      Confirmation No.: 1667  
Applicants : Reiner Eschbach and William A. Fuss  
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Art Unit : 2165  
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Title : METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR ATTACHING KEYWORDS  
TO IMAGES BASED ON DATABASE STATISTICS

Attorney Docket #: D/A2327

**Preliminary Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination**  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on 5/12/05 having a shortened statutory response period extending through 8/12/05, please continue examination under 37 CFR 1.114. Please amend the specification as requested in the Applicant's reply filed 7/13/2005. Please amend the claims as hereinafter indicated and reconsider their patentability.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2, and the remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.